## **Amendment to the Claims**

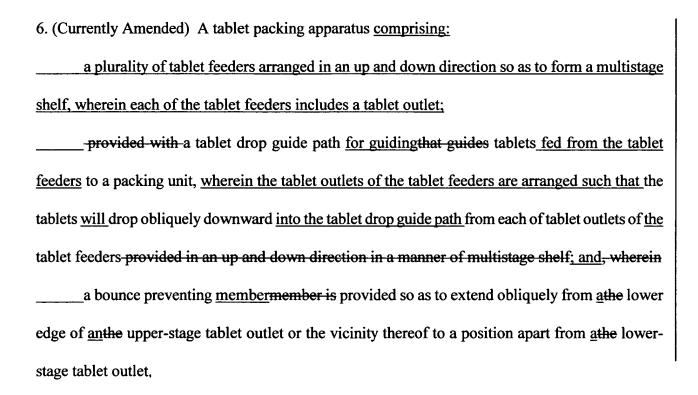
| 1.(Currently Amended) A tablet packing apparatus <del>provided</del> comprising:                       |
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| a plurality of tablet feeders arranged in an up and down direction so as to form a multistage          |
| shelf, each of the tablet feeders having a tablet outlet;  |
| with a tablet drop guide path that for receiving tablets from the tablet feeders and guiding the       |
| guides-tablets to a packing unit, wherein the tablet outlets are arranged so that the tablets drop     |
| obliquely downward into the tablet drop guide path from each of tablet outlets of the tablet feeders;  |
| and provided in an up and down direction in a manner of multistage shelf, wherein-                     |
| a bounce preventing member disposed in the tablet drop guide path and positioned so as to              |
| oppose is provided in a position opposing to the tablet outlets of the tablet feeders drop guide path, |
| and wherein the bounce preventing member is obliquely provided with respect to the plumb line so       |
| that it recedes from the tablet outlets in a direction toward athe lower end thereof.                  |
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| 2. (Original) The tablet packing apparatus as in Claim 1, wherein the bounce preventing member         |
| comprises a flexible plate,  |
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| 3. (Original) The tablet packing apparatus as in Claim 2, wherein any one end of the upper end and     |
| lower end of the bounce preventing member is supported movably in a direction of thickness while       |
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4. (Original) The tablet packing apparatus as in Claim 2, wherein any one end of the upper end and

the other end is movable in a direction of thickness.

lower end of the bounce preventing member is supported fixedly while the other end is movable in a direction of thickness.

5. (Previously Presented) The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 1, wherein the bounce preventing member is detachable.



- 7. (Currently Amended) The tablet packing apparatus as in Claim 6, wherein athe lower half portion of the bounce preventing member comprises a vertical portion.
- 8. (Previously Presented) The tablet packing apparatus as in Claim 6, wherein the bounce

preventing member comprises a cover portion extending from the lower end of it to the upper edge of the lower-stage tablet outlet.

- 9. (Previously Presented) The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 6, wherein the bounce preventing member is formed integrally with side walls of the tablet drop guide path.
- 10. (Currently Amended) A tablet packing apparatus as in claim 1, further comprising a second bounce preventing member provided so as to extend obliquely from a lower edge of an upper-stage tablet outlet or the vicinity thereof to a position apart from the lower-stage tablet outlet.
- 11. (Currently Amended) The tablet packing apparatus as <u>in claim 2-elaim in 2</u>, wherein the bounce preventing member is detachable.
- 12. (Currently Amended) The tablet packing apparatus as <u>in claimelaim in</u> 3, wherein the bounce preventing member is detachable.
- 13. (Currently Amended) The tablet packing apparatus as <u>in claimelaim in 4</u>, wherein the bounce preventing member is detachable.
- 14. (Previously Presented) The tablet packing apparatus as in Claim 7, wherein the bounce preventing member comprises a cover portion extending from the lower end of it to the upper edge of the lower-stage tablet outlet.

- 15. (Previously Presented) The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 7, wherein the bounce preventing member is formed integrally with side walls of the tablet drop guide path.
- 16. (Previously Presented) The tablet packing apparatus as in claim 8, wherein the bounce preventing member is formed integrally with side walls of the tablet drop guide path.